

he practiced under Conductor Myron Flippin to prepare for the orchestra.

Jacob had the unique opportunity to attend Philmont Boy Scout camp for his Expedition. To prepare for this, he worked toward his Physical Fitness goal of carrying 55 pounds in his backpack for a distance of 12 miles over two days by planning mini-hikes with his pack and cross-training in the pool and on the track.

Among all of these achievements, Jacob is also involved in the White River Fellowship Church as a youth leader and a worship team member. I congratulate Jacob in his achievements and commend him for his aspirations to continue on his path to accomplish the Congressional Gold Medal.

HONORING THOSE WHO COACH US TO GREATNESS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, as football season kicks off, I am reminded of the exceptional coaches I've worked with over the years. I have been lucky to learn from great men like Mike Ditka, Johnny Majors, Phillip Fulmer, Now Turner, and my high school football coach Boyce Deitz. During high school, Coach Deitz influenced me more than anyone outside of my immediate family. Of all the coaches I've had before or after, he has had the strongest and most-lasting impact on my life. Most adults still can remember the name or face of one childhood coach who taught them a better way to throw a ball, improve their time, or overcome an obstacle that seemed insurmountable.

Today, we live in a time when young people face serious challenges to their well-being. Childhood obesity has reached record proportions. School drop-out rates approach fifty percent in many urban school districts. Nearly one million minors report association with gang activity. Where these trends are at their worst, coaches often play a critical role in equipping young athletes with the tools to make better choices. Coaches dedicate countless hours of their time helping young people build strong work ethics, communicate effectively, and work as part of a team. The coaches, who have the vital role of parlaying those values to our youth, make up the backbone of youth sports programs.

To recognize the service of youth sports coaches for their tremendous contributions, I have been working with Rep. MIKE MCINTYRE and other Members of the U.S. House to enact the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week. This week can be a time to recruit hundreds of thousands of new coaches, and to honor every youth, JV, and Varsity coach who gives so much to our Nation's next generation of leaders.

My high school football coach taught me to be both mentally and physically tough. He constantly challenged me to improve myself, including encouraging me to run track to improve my speed on the football field. Coach Deitz warned me early on about excessive media attention and said 'you will never be as good as they make you out to be and you will never be as bad as they make you out to be.' His advice has guided me through the high-

lights and rough patches of my college and NFL career, and in my current role as a Member of Congress. When I was elected to Congress, I knew I had to surround myself with the best staff I could, so Coach Deitz was one of my first hires.

We stand at a crossroads in which all of us must reflect on the qualities that have helped American society thrive and endure. Through National Coach Appreciation Week, our Nation will recognize those such as Coach Deitz who teach values such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership to our Nation's youth. These fundamental life skills are instrumental to ensuring success throughout an individual's educational, family and professional life. I thank the great coaches I've had, and I look forward to National Coach Appreciation Week, a time to honor the coaches who have taught us the life lessons that have made us who we are today, as individuals, as communities, and as a country.

Madam Speaker, for myself and for everyone whose life has been touched by a coach, I rise to thank these most influential and indispensable individuals. I encourage my fellow Members to vote in support of establishing the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week.

RECOGNIZING CHEF JOEL ROZELLE AND SMOKING JOE'S BAR-BE-QUE OF ST. LOUIS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you and recognize a new addition to St. Louis' Locust Business District, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que. The Locust Business District, located in the heart of the city, is tasked with spawning a renewed sense of community morale and revitalization. As it sits in the historic Tudor Building on Washington Avenue, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que fits in perfectly with this aim.

Owned and operated by Executive Chef Joel Rozelle, Smoking Joe's has helped bring new business and consumer interests to the Locust Business District. Smoking Joe's truly utilizes the culinary and performing arts to bring St. Louis culture and history alive. Each meal is a taste of St. Louis; from the succulent ribs and chicken dishes, to old-fashioned green beans and potato salad, the diners' already superb experience is enhanced by the soulful sounds of live jazz entertainers who hold steadfast to St. Louis' rich musical customs. This unique atmosphere has earned Smoking Joe's the UrbanSpoons' "Talk of the Town" distinction. Using self-developed dry rubs and staying true to St. Louis-style cooking, Chef Rozelle and his talented staff are to be applauded for their contribution to the neighborhood renewal and their respect of St. Louis culinary traditions.

HONORING IRVING PARK BAPTIST CHURCH AND 120 YEARS OF COM- MUNITY SERVICE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Irving Park Baptist Church community on the occasion of its 120th Anniversary. Over the past 120 years, Irving Park Baptist Church has provided spiritual guidance to generations of families throughout the Irving Park Community on the northwest side of the City of Chicago.

The Irving Park Baptist Church was originally established in 1889. The church's multi-ethnic and multigenerational character has brought together a community of people to unite in one faith. Irving Park Baptist Church is actively involved with other churches and non-profits in the community. As an active and caring institution, the church is also a founding member of Hands to Help Ministries, which helps to provide housing and services for persons in distress.

Irving Park Baptist Church is a community of people from different cultures and backgrounds who are united in their belief. The community's mission is to faithfully serve God by ministering to each other, to their neighbors, and to the world.

On September 13, 2009 parishioners and friends of the community came together to celebrate this momentous anniversary. The Anniversary Luncheon took place at La Villa Banquets.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize Irving Park Baptist Church and its 120 Years of Community Service. I wish all the best for its clergy, for its families, and for its success in the future.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL— HELEN SNAPP

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise before you today in recognition of Helen Snapp and her distinguished service with the U.S. Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII. In honor of Mrs. Snapp's sacrifice to our nation, this Congress bestows upon her our highest gesture of appreciation, the Congressional Gold Medal. I am especially proud to serve Helen Snapp in Florida's 23rd district.

Helen grew up in Washington, D.C., where she quickly realized a passion for flight. Helen is one of the spectators who sat on Pennsylvania Avenue, eagerly anticipating the parade in honor of aviation legend Charles Lindbergh. Like many young women, Helen admired female aviation pioneers, Amelia Earhart and Jacqueline Cochran. Helen would follow in their footsteps and go on to earn her license to fly. Jacqueline Cochran would eventually offer a personal invite for Helen to join the ranks of distinguished women pilots. Helen would go on to join the WASP and honor the inroads her heroines had paved.